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1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), the 1986 Command History for USS KIRK (FF 1087) is submitted as enclosure (1).

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USS KIRK (FF 1087)
Command History 1986

1. (U) Command Organization.

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2. (C) Summary of Operations.

First Quarter (Jan-Mar) 1986. KIRK started the year in upkeep prior to getting underway in early January for Special Operations in the Sea of Japan. Upon return to Yokosuka, Japan, KIRK downloaded weapons and ammunition and started a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) with SRF Yokosuka.

Second Quarter (Apr-Jun) 1986. KIRK completed her availability, conducted an ammunition and weapons onload, sea trials, Dependents Cruise, Combat Systems Readiness Test (CSRT), Command Inspection by COMDESRON FIFTEEN, Midshipman Training, Interim Refresher Training (IRFT), ASWEX 86-2JA with Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, embarked COMDESRON FIFTEEN underway for a transit to Ohminato Japan, conducted a port visit to Pusan, ROK, returned to Yokosuka, Japan for upkeep and was awarded the Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS Ship Safety Award for calendar year 1985.

Third Quarter (Jul-Sep) 1986. KIRK conducted NGFS FIREX I, embarked COMDESRON 33 (CAPT L. B. Blumberg), Midshipman Training, "Crossing the Line" Ceremony, MERLION/MERCUB 86 with the Royal Singapore Navy and Air Force, MEKAR 86 with the Royal Malaysian Navy and Air Force, PASSEX with the Royal Australian Navy, joined Battle Group ROMEO (USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62) and escorts) to conduct integrated battlegroup operations and Cobra Gold 86 with the Royal Thai Navy, conducted a port visit to Pattaya Beach, Thailand, rescued 11 Vietnamese refugees in the South China Sea, and conducted MTT Phases I and II.

Fourth Quarter (Oct-Dec) 1986. KIRK transited to Chinhae, ROK to complete Nuclear Weapons Assistance Training (NWAT), returned to Yokosuka to successfully complete Operational Propulsion Plant Reexamination (OPPRE), conducted Special Operations in the Sea of Japan, transited to Chinhae and completed Nuclear Weapons Refresher Training (K-2E-9024), returned to Yokosuka, Japan for an upkeep period and Underway Material Readiness Inspection (INSURV).

3. (C) Chronology of Events.

1 Jan-3 Jan - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.
4 Jan-30 Jan - Underway Special Operations in the Northern Sea of Japan.
30 Jan - Ammunition Download, Yokosuka, Japan.

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30 Jan-2 Feb - SRA preparation, Drydock 4, Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka, Japan.
3 Feb-11 Apr - SRA, Yokosuka, Japan. KIRK received updated AN/SQR-18A(V)1, AN/SQS-35 and AN/SQS-26CX.
10 Mar-21 Mar - Embarked Reservists.
17 Mar-17 Apr - Installation of SNAP II system.
21 Mar - CMS Inspection.
12 Apr-16 Apr - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.
14 Apr-16 Apr - Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE), Yokosuka, Japan.
17 Apr - Underway to onload weapons and ammunition.
17 Apr-18 Apr - Underway - Sea Trails.
19 Apr - Conducted Dependents Cruise in Sagami Bay.
20 Apr-12 May - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.
22 Apr-27 Apr - Combat Systems Readiness Test (CSRT), Yokosuka, Japan.
28 Apr-30 Apr - Command Inspection conducted by COMDESRON FIFTEEN.
7 May - Security Inspection conducted by COMDESRON FIFTEEN.
12 May-23 May - Embarked Reservists.
13 May-31 May - Interim Refresher Training (IRFT).
23 May-18 Jun - Midshipman Training.
31 May-4 Jun - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.
5 Jun-6 Jun - Underway - Enroute Ohminato, Japan.
7 Jun - Port Visit Ohminato, Japan.
8 Jun - 12 Jun - Underway - ASWEX 86-2JA with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF).
12 Jun - Embarked COMDESRON FIFTEEN underway for transit to Ohminato, Japan.
13 Jun - Brief stop in Ohminato, Japan to disembark COMDESRON FIFTEEN and conduct a VIP tour for JMSDF officers and dignitaries.
13 Jun-15 Jun - Underway - Enroute Pusan, ROK.
16 Jun-19 Jun - Port Visit Pusan, ROK.
19 Jun-15 Jul - Midshipman Training.
20 Jun-22 Jun - Underway - Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
22 Jun-29 Jun - Inport Yokosuka, Japan. On 27 June 86, KIRK was presented the Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS Ship Safety Award for 1985.
23 Jun-25 Jun - 3M Inspection by COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC.
29 Jun-3 Jul - Underway - Enroute Subic Bay, RP.
4 Jul-5 Jul - Inport Subic Bay, RP.
6 Jul - Underway - NGFS FIREX I and Aviation Assist Visit (AAV).
7 Jul- Inport Subic Bay, embarked COMDESRON 33, CAPT L. B. Blumberg.
8 Jul-11 Jul - Underway - Enroute Singapore.
11 Jul - Conducted a "Crossing the Line" ceremony initiating 87 new Shellbacks.
12 Jul-15 Jul - Port Visit Singapore.
16 Jul-17 Jul - Underway for MERLION/MERCUB 86 in the Gulf of Thailand with the Royal Singapore Navy and Air Force.
18 Jul - Enroute Tioman Island, Malaysia.
19 Jul - Anchored Tioman Island, Malaysia.
20 Jul-24 Jul - Underway for MEKAR 86 with the Royal Malaysian Navy and Air Force.

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24 Jul - Anchored Tioman Island, Malaysia. A VIP luncheon was held on board hosted by COMDESRON 33. Guests of the Commanding Officer and COMDESRON 33 included: Thomas P. Shoesmith, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia; CAPT S. A. Yonov, Naval Attache to Malaysia; CDR J. E. Ohlenger, Commanding Officer VC5; RADM Datuk Mohd Shariff Binishak, Royal Malaysian Navy Fleet Operations Commander; COMMO M. W. Alvisse, Assistant Chief of Navy for Plans and Policy; CAPT R. Bin Shamsuddin, Commanding Officer, MCM(V) Squadron 26 and RMNS KD Mahamiru; CDR M. R. Bin Abu Bakar, Commanding Officer, RMNS K D Lekir; and LCOL Ridzwan, Commanding Officer, RMAF Squadron, Kuantan. Upon completion of the VIP luncheon COMDESRON 33 disembarked.

25 Jul - Underway in the Gulf of Thailand to join Battle Group ROMEO. The Battle Group, led by USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62), was the first BBBG to do extended operations in the Western Pacific since WWII.

25 Jul-28 Jul - Conducted PASSEX with the Royal Australian Navy.

29 Jul-5 Aug - Anchored for port visit Pattaya Beach, Thailand.

5 Aug-13 Aug - Underway for COBRA Gold with the NEW JERSEY Battle Group and units of the Royal Thai Navy.

14 Aug - Detached from Battle Group ROMEO.

14 Aug-15 Aug - Enroute Subic Bay, RP.

15 Aug - Rescued 11 Vietnamese refugees from an adrift fishing boat. The rescue took place in the South China Sea, 240 miles east of Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam.

16 Aug-20 Aug - Inport Subic Bay, RP.

18 Aug - Disembarked refugees.

21 Aug-22 Aug - Underway MTT Phase I.

24 Aug - Underway - Enroute Yokosuka, Japan. Returned to Subic Bay for storm evasion.

25 Aug-29 Aug - Underway - Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

29 Aug- 26 Sep - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

10 Sep-12 Sep - Underway - Independent Steaming Evolution (ISE).

13 Sep-26 Sep - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

27 Sep-30 Sep - Underway - Enroute Chinhae, ROK. Conducted MTT Phase II enroute to Chinhae.

1 Oct-8 Oct - Inport Chinhae, ROK, for Nuclear Weapons Assist Training (NWAT).

9 Oct-13 Oct - Underway - Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

14 Oct-24 Oct - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

25 Oct-26 Oct - Underway - Operational Propulsion Plant Reexamination (OPPRE).

27 Oct-9 Oct - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

10 Nov-5 Dec - Conducted Special Operations in the Northern Sea of Japan.

6 Dec-9 Dec - Inport Chinhae, ROK for Nuclear Weapons Refresher Training (K-2E-9024).

10 Dec-11 Dec - Underway - Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

12 Dec-15 Dec Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

15 Dec-19 Dec - INSURV (Underway for UMI on 16 Dec).

17 Dec-31 Dec - Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

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